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SUBJ: FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL RECENT REPORTS WHICH INDICATE SOVIETS CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE SOME DISLOCATIONS IN FOOD SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN AREAS. PRINCIPAL ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY ARE MEAT, MEAT BY- PRODUCTS, BUTTER, MILK AND POTATOES.
2. ACCORDING ONE MOSCOVITE, RELATIVES FROM SMOLENSK REPORT THAT AS OF THREE WEEKS AGO CARD SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTION OF POTATOES, BUTTER AND MEAT WAS IN EFFECT THERE. CARDS WERE BEING ISSUED AT PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT TO BE USED AT END OF PARTICULAR WORK DAY.
3. ANOTHER SOURCE WHO RESIDES ABOUT 70 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF MOSCOW SAID THAT MILK UNAVAILABLE IN THAT REGION. MEAT AND MEAT BY- PRODUCTS REMAIN IN SHORT SUPPLY THERE, AS THEY HAVE THROUGHT THE WINTER.
4. EMBASSY TRAVELERS WHO PASSED THROUGH OREL MAY 10 NOTED SIGNS IN BREAD STORES LIMITING INDIVIDUAL PURCHASES TO TWO KILOGRAMS OF BREAD AND 500 GRAMS OF BAKED GOODS. THESE SIGNS SIMILAR TO ONES OBSERVED EARLIER IN VOLGA REGION.
5. IN CONTRAST TO ABOVE, FOOD SITUATION IN KIEV REPORTEDLY NORMAL.

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FRESH MEAT AVAILABLE IN GOOD QUANTITIES BOTH IN STATE STORES
AND FARMERS' MARKETS.
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